



THE FALCONER

Winter 2017

2017 Camp Fair Schedule

We will be attending the following camp fairs this year and hope you will stop in to say hello. Bring a friend who is interested in camp and you will both receive a limited edition Falcon Camp T- shirt. We'll also be happy to meet with families personally or in small groups at a place of your own choosing and convenience.

Cincinnati Family & NKY Family's Summer Camp Adventure Fair

Blue Ash Recreation Center
Saturday, February 11
10:00am—3:00am

Worthington SWEPP

The Shops at Worthington Place
Sunday, February 12
12:00pm – 3:00pm

Worthington Kidsfest

Worthington Recreation Center
Friday, February 17
5:00 – 8:00

Summer Camp Convention

Solon Community Center
Saturday, February 25
10:00am - 3:00pm

Columbus Parent Camp Expo

The Shops at Worthington
Sunday, February 26
12:00pm – 5:00pm

Lakota's Summer Fun Fair

Lakota East High School
Monday, February 27
6:00pm—8:00pm

Lakota's Summer Fun Fair

Lakota West High School
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
6:00pm—8:00pm

Pickerington Summer Camp and Activities Fair

Heritage Elementary School
Tuesday, March 7
6:00pm — 8:00pm

2017 Westerville Summer Expo

Westerville North High School
Wednesday, March 8
5:30pm—7:30pm

Olentangy Camp Expo

Olentangy Orange Middle School
Thursday, March 9
6:00pm – 8:00pm

New Albany Kidsfest

Philip Heit Center for Healthy New Albany
Thursday, March 9
5:00pm — 8:00pm

Miami Valley Camp Fair

Wright State University
Saturday, March 18
11:00am – 2:00pm

Cincinnati Parent Camp Fair

Web Extreme Entertainment Center
Sunday, March 19
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Most of the camp fairs we are attending focus on central Ohio. This is not by our design but by parent groups who are interested in helping their communities learn more about summer opportunities for their families. If you know of any events in other places, please let us know. We would also be pleased to help you create one in your neighborhood or school if you have any interest.

From the Director

We did it Again!

Once again, Falcon was visited by the American Camp Association this past summer to be accredited as an ACA camp and once again we passed our accreditation visit with flying colors. The ACA asks that we do not discuss any scores from the visit because of the possibility that they might be misinterpreted and as a visitor myself, I understand and agree with that. So I will not reveal our score except to give you a hint: we didn't fail any of the more than 300 standards that the visitors examine. That would be zero wrong if you get the hint... You can see our certificate on the wall in the health center when you come to camp.

At the annual ACA Ohio conference in January, Falcon Camp received an award for Program Excellence from the ACA Ohio Council of Leaders.

This honor was given to us partly because of the quality of our

program design and opportunities for campers to learn but also because of the respect given to the excellence of our staff training and the work we do in making sure our staff provides the highest levels of care and



teaching for our campers. The award is an honor we take seriously and I believe it is an honor to have the respect of your peers in whatever work you do. We have high expectations for our staff but it only works if we provide them with the necessary training and assistance to know their jobs and be able to reach those expectations. Nici Mahen deserves a huge shout out for the outstanding work she does with our LIT, CIT and Jr Staff programs as well as oversight of our entire staff. We spend large amounts of time in the off season learning and reaffirming that the teaching methods we use are best practices and stand the test of time.



We are proud of the recognition and do our best to serve our campers, families and our staff with the highest standards.

I received a thank you and a gift at the same conference for serving on the board/council of leaders for the past 23 years. As my last term ended in January I decided it was time for someone else to take over the position of public policy chair and spend the volunteer hours involved so I am no longer on the Council of Leaders. I will still maintain an active role in watching over issues involving the health and safety of children, still be a visitor to accredit camps and still maintain an active role in the ACA but it is time for some of the younger folks to become more involved. I expect to spend some of that extra time in the summer being more active with our own campers and staff, and some of that time over the winter spending time with my granddaughter Sloan. Emily and I are pretty happy being grandparents!

Summer is coming soon,

Dave

Dave

Giving back to the Community

Earlier this year Falcon donated a two week session to the United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland fundraiser and to the Shaker Hts. Historical Society 'Shakers and Movers' fundraiser. We will also be donating a two week session to fundraisers at Laurel School and at the Lawrence School later this winter. If you want to donate to a good educational cause and win a two session at Falcon, bid often and bid high! We are pleased to help contribute to worthy causes throughout our communities and would be happy to consider others in the future.



We welcome the following campers to Falcon for the summer of 2017!!

We are pleased to see how many of you took advantage of our early registration in November and December. Applications and inquires are being received almost daily right now. We are looking forward to an excellent summer with a smiling camp full of returning campers joined by our new campers for their first experience of "coming home for the summer!" If you are not on this list we hope to see your name on here soon. The summer of 2017 is going to be great fun and you won't want to miss it!

Brenden Albrecht
Xavier Arnold
*Elias Beckeman
Kai Berkner
Luke Borchelt
Helen Breen
Sasha Brennan
Rachel Broihier
Camille Brommers
Ethan Cairns
Caroline Cannon
Katherine Cassese
Theodor Castle
Jonah Chapman-Sung
Oscar Chapnick
Cameron Christian
Lindsay Christian
Tanner Christian
James Cofer
*Ellie Crema
Alina Dean
Reilly Dean
John Deering
Caleb Erdman
Allie Fahey
Luke Farrall
Kate Faxon
*Jordyn Feldman
*Maria Froehlich
Riley Ghosh
Henry Gilmore
Kendal Harris
Sarah Hatem
Mae Lee Held

Joshua Hertz
Jake Isoniemi
Isabella Issa
Catherine John
*Danny Kaperak
Drew Landers
Sadie Landry
Abigial Lauretig
*Rebecca Lee
Dakota Lilley
Alan McCartney
Madison McCartney
Stephen McCartney
Lainey McCloskey
Sam McGough
Annie Melaragno
Max Melaragno
Megan Miller
Colin Novak
Casey Roufs
Kaden Runge
Abby Rutherford
Caroline Schiele
Marshall Schiele
*Julia Schueler
Tatum Shepardson
*Scott Siegel
Nolan Sindelar
Wyatt Sklarin
Aiden Slawson
*Audrey Stankunas
Joseph Stebbings
Sarah Stebbings
Thomas Stebbings

Genevieve Steffy
Nadia Steffy
Henry Stuyvesant
Ted Stuyvesant
*Evelyn Tochtrop
Graham Torok
Simon Tropper
Stephanie Tropper
Reece Turner
Sasha Turner
*Roberto Washington
*Marlon Washington Jr
Alexandria Waters
Zoe Waters
*Alexander Watren
*Garrett Watren
Elizabeth Watson
Violet Webster
Harrison White
Sydney White
*Kallie William
Victoria Williams
Helena Wilson
Hunter Wilson
Gustin Wingfield
Jacob Wingfield
*Lucca Wingfield
*Zella Wingfield
Rose Zeldin
Margaret Zirwas
Susannah Zirwas
Zoe Zoller

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Welcome Gift for Registered Campers

Last year we started a tradition of sending a welcome gift to our campers as they registered. This year we will be sending Falcon beanie hats to keep your heads warm and to look good at the same time. Those of you in cold weather states will find good use for them and those of you in warm weather states can wear them to make a camp fashion statement. Wear them with pride and send us a photo of you in your beanie – or use your imagination and show us your creativity. Tell your friends that the only way to get one is to join us at Falcon this summer!

See you soon –

Dave, Nici and all the staff



2017 CITs

We are pleased to announce that the following outstanding young people have been selected to be Counselors In Training for the summer of 2017. This is their first big step in the process of learning how to be a Falcon Camp counselor. We expect to add one or two more CITs later this spring and will announce those names as they are selected.

Grace Gilbreath of Cincinnati, returns for her 8th year at Falcon.

Miranda Gutter of Powell returns for her 2nd year at Falcon.

Ricky John of Aurora returns for his 4th year at Falcon.

Halley Masaryk of Shaker Heights returns for her 7th year at Falcon

Abby McCartney of Highland Heights returns for her 9th year at Falcon.

Samantha McLaughlin of Westerville returns for her 4th year at Falcon.

Thomas Rodrigues of Cranberry Township returns for his 5th year at Falcon.

William Sherman of Pittsburgh returns for his 9th year at Falcon.

Parker Zerick of New Albany returns for his 7th year at Falcon.

Congratulations to our 2017 Class of CITs!

Cool stuff for Alumni too!

We don't want to forget our alumni as we head out to the camp fairs and start to get excited about the upcoming summer. Here's a special beanie hat just for alumni! Same hat as the campers but different color with alumni printed down the side of the logo. There is only a limited number of these printed so you'll need to be one of the first 50 alumni to contact us. Email Office@FalconCamp.com with this information:

Name and mailing address
Years at Falcon
Favorite Memory

Be one of the first 50 alumni to respond and get your free Falcon hat. Armand Holmes has the first one so there is only 49 left!



2017 Falcon Camp Calendar

Two Week Sessions

June 18 – July 1

July 2 – July 15

July 16– July 29

July 30 – August 12

Four Week Sessions

June 18 – July 15

July 16– August 12

Six Week Sessions

June 18 – July 29

July 2 – August 12

Eight Week Session

June 18 – August 12



**Falcon Young Adventure Camps: Special One week intro camps for boys and girls ages 6-9.
July 30– August 5 and August 6 – August 12.**